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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITS SENEGAL

- 1. SIX-PERSON "GOODWILL MISSION" FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER JONG PIL KIM VISITED SENEGAL FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2. JONG PIL KIM CALLED ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAK, CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE NOT DISCLOSED.
- 2. IN DEFTLY CRAFTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT, DELEGATION LEADER TOLD PRESS THAT HE BROUGHT PAK'S "UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY OF SENEGAL;" HE EXPLAINED THAT SOUTH KOREA'S OBJECTIVE OF DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH PYONGYANG WAS "IDENTICAL" WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S POLICY OF DIALOGUE. OFFICIAL BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA GAVE SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO VISIT, AND GOS MADE OTHER GESTURES OF WELCOME SUCH AS MAKING AVAILABLE OFFICIAL CITROEN DS'S FOR PARTY'S USE.
- 3. ROK AMBASSADOR CHI RATED THE VISIT "VERY SUCCESSFUL."
 HE SAW EVOLUTION IN SENEGALESE ATTITUDE TOWARD MORE BALANCED TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAS, PARTICULARLY ON PART OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR, WHO RECEIVED ROK DELEGATION ON SUNDAY, AND APPEARED CONFIDENTIAL

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FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY JONG PIL KIM. CHI SAID SENGHOR PROMISED TO FOLLOW KOREAN SITUATION CAREFULLY, HOPED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH US ON SUBJECT AND TO WORK TO AVOID CONFRONTATION ON ISSUE IN UN. CHI FELT DISCUSSIONS WITH SENGHOR WERE MORE POSITIVE FROM ROK POINT OF VIEW THAN THOSE HELD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK. HE SAW NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON SECK TO PREVENT HIS BEING PERSUADED BY NEXT DPRK OFFENSIVE.

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